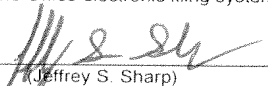


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2009 in which all elected claims 1, 2, 6, 16, 18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b) and 112 (second paragraph) and claim 11 is objected to. Claims 23 and 24 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to an invention that is “independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed.” Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. This Response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time to May 25, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.